

**PRAYERS:** *The Sick:* Jane Hindle, Anne Corcoran, Bob Priestly, Alan Cox, John Radcliffe, Tony & Marie Butler, Alice McGowan, John Corcoran, Janina Crow, Peter Doherty, Moya Eastwood, Pat Fishwick, Beattie Flannigan, Cathy Gaughan, Maureen Gillespie, Joe Higgins, Rose Hornby, Bernadette McDaid, Amanda Martin, Michael Moughton, Kenzie McDermott, Peter Nicholls, Colleen O'Donoghue, Rose Price, Baby Sean John, Amy Rose Sanderson, Anne Marie Seabury, Kath Smith, May Stocky, Elisha Swales, Karen Wainwright, Carrie Walmesley, Dorothy Conroy, Rita Fraser, Kathleen Perfect, Bernadette Bunting, Kathleen Booth, Lorri Ford, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Peter Borysiewicz

*Lately Dead:* William Booth-Isherwood, Margaret Edwards, John Reilly

**OUR SCHOOLS:**

**St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy: Lightwood Avenue FY4 2AU**

Head: Mrs S Smith. Email: [admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk)

**St John Vianney Catholic Primary School: Glastonbury Avenue FY1 6RD**

Head: Mrs. C Evans. Email: [admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk)

**Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School: Common Edge Road FY4 5DE**

Head: Mrs. E Mannix: [admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk)

**St Mary's Catholic Academy: St Walburga's Road FY3 7EQ**

Head: Mr S Eccles. Email: [admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:** Linda Wisdom (07738022054) & Lynne Worden

**A WARM WELCOME:** to new parishioners. Please make yourself known to one of the priests. Welcome too, to those visiting Blackpool for a holiday break.

**ENQUIRIES:** regarding Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, First Communions, Confirmations or those wanting to become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office. Also, for all enquiries regarding the newsletter.

FIGURES	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL	ATTENDED
St C	£353.18		96
OLA	£460.54		105
SJV	£520.91		268

*NB The above figures do not take into account offertory given by Standing Order  
Attendance figures now include Polish, Syro-Malabar & Neo Catechumenal celebrations*

**PARISH GARDENING CLUB SJV:** 1pm-3pm on the Parish field at SJV. All welcome. Bring a drink! CLOSED UNTIL SPRING!

**REFRESHMENTS:** after Mass: 9am SJV, 10am St C & 10.30am OLA

**Special Collections: This week - None  
Next Week – White Flower Appeal**

**THE PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS**

Serving the congregations of:  
*ST CUTHBERT, OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND  
ST JOHN VIANNEY*

**7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



The word 'epiphany' (the feast we celebrate today) means to reveal something or to recognise something. Jesus was revealed to the Jewish people through the shepherds. Today he is revealed or recognised through the wise men to all the nations of the world. Jesus is in fact the universal Saviour. The wise men were changed by their encounter with Jesus Christ. Our prayer today should be that we too can be changed by an encounter with Jesus Christ.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETINGS:**

For parents of children in KS2 and above. SJV: Parish Centre: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.30pm; St C: St Cuthbert's School Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.30pm; Our Lady of the Assumption: to be arranged. For parents of children not attending a Catholic school, letters are available at church.

**Welcome back to our children and staff in our three parish schools as they enter their new term**

**Priests:** Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawksworth

**Deacons:** Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

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Sunday: Yr. B; Weekdays: Yr. 2 Psalter wk. 1

**SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

5:30pm: (SJV) Mark Billing RIP  
6:00pm: (OLA) LAJ  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) People of the parish  
10am: (ST C) Sr Gertrude  
10.30am: (OLA) Gladys Marley RIP  
11.15am: (SJV) Alan Smith RIP  
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*  
5pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**Mon THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

9.15: (SJV) Srs Catherine and Margaret [school Mass]

**Tue of week 1**

9.15: (SJV) Mark Billing RIP  
9.30am: (OLA) James Rogers RIP

**Wed of week 1**

**11am: (SJV) Margaret Edwards Requiem Mass**

12.00: (St C) Thomas V Fahey RIP  
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**Thurs of week 1**

9.15am: (SJV) Norah Mullin RIP  
9.30am: (OLA) Mary and Rose Lavin RIP [school Mass]

**Fri of week 1**

9.15am: (SJV) Special Intentions WP  
12.00: (St C) Laura - Health

**Sat of week 1**

**SUNDAY: SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:30pm: (SJV) Mary and Ernie Buck RIP  
6:00pm: (OLA) Benefactors  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) People of the parish  
10am: (ST C) Elizabeth Gray RIP  
10.30am: (OLA) Jim Graham RIP  
11.15am: (SJV) Ron Hall RIP  
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*  
5pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** (SJV) at the 11.15am Mass during term time

**PARISH PETITION BOOK:** There is one of these in each of our churches for your intentions prayed for each Sunday.

First Sunday in Month:  
3.30pm SJV  
Rosary & benediction  
**EXPOSITION**  
Sat 11am-12noon  
Our Lady of the  
Assumption &  
St Cuthbert's.

**CONFESSIONS**  
*At St Cuthbert's:*  
Sat: 11.30am.  
*At Our Lady of the  
Assumption:*  
Sat 11-11.30am.  
*St John Vianney:*  
Sat: 5pm &  
Sun: 8.30am.  
Or by request to any  
priest in church.  
Also by appointment.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for January:**

For The Gift of Diversity in The Church: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**LAST WEEK:** Friday: Funeral arrangement meeting; Holy Communion visits to the sick and housebound; bulletin preparation and printing. Saturday: quieter than usual, your food gifts taken to Sacred Heart for distribution; Mass of the Holy Family in the evening. Sunday: usual Masses and Fr Joseph, the Indian priest celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination; a 'shopping trolley' was abandoned onsite! Monday: New Year's Day, Mass of Mary, Mother of God at noon, many attended seeking God's blessing for 2024 and opportunity to receive a patron saint for the year, sadly, one of the boilers decided not to work – engineer sent for, a hospital visit. Tuesday: a visit to the bank; attacked the office, shopping trolley repatriated (FrS) Wednesday: secretary back all manner of catching up achieved; helped a drug addict into appropriate accommodation in Cumbrian town. Thursday: Heating engineer arrived, fault remediated; meeting with builder working at OLA.

**GRATEFUL THANKS:** from the priests of the parish for all your greetings, gifts and generous offerings.

**CATECHIST** required for OLA First Communion Class. Due to unforeseen circumstances we need a volunteer catechist. Please see one of the priests asap.

**RECENT MONEY MATTERS!** Raffle: £396; Bingo: £961.97; post-Mass Coffee Mornings: £500 SJV; £200 OLA; Bingo & Quiz £402. Thanks to organisers & supporters.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Donor's intentions list is on the Lady Altar.

**VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA PARTY:** with tombola and raffle to be held at the Scala Hotel, 22 Clifton Drive, FY4 1NX on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 2-4pm. £10 per head - limited numbers so book now! Linda 07738022054. All proceeds towards St Cuthbert's repaired leaded window!



**MUSICIANS:** still needed for 3 of our Masses. Speak with one of the priests.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Konrad Kurkiewicz who was baptised recently.

**CHC Marriage Preparation Courses** at the CHC run over two Saturdays: **27 Jan & 3 Feb.** Info: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/>

**2024 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** Now available at the back of Church £6.

**GREETINGS:** To our Indian friends in the Syro-Malabar Community who today celebrate their patronal feast St Chavara Kuriakose Elias.